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Application of:

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**Low Weight Cushioned Carpet, Carpet Tile and Method**

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to a first Office Action on the merits, please amend the above application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 18, lines 7 and 8, **replace** the paragraph "FIG. 3A is a ... as illustrated in FIG. 2." with the following paragraphs:

FIG. 2A is a schematic view illustrating a modified embodiment of the apparatus and process of FIG. 2 with the latex back coat added during the process.

FIG. 3A is a cut-away side view of a tufted carpet incorporating a structure formed by the apparatus and process of the present invention as illustrated in FIG. 2 or FIG. 2A.

Page 18, line 22, following the last paragraph **add** the following new paragraph:

FIG. 5A is a schematic view representing a modified embodiment of the apparatus and process of FIG. 5 without the addition of a reinforcement layer.